

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-22 were pending. Claims 12-22 were rejected. Claims 1-11 were allowed. Claims 13-19 and 21 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms.

In this response, claims 12 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 13, 18, 20, and 22 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-11, 13-20, and 22 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, objected claim 13 has been amended as an independent claim including most of the limitations of claim 12. Claim 20 has been amended to include substantially all the limitations of objected claim 21. Claim 22 has been amended to include an allowable subject matter of the objected claim 21. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims that were objected to.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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